[11th November 1961

Tagore centenary celebrations

*2014 *Q.*—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI (on behalf of Sri K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps taken to celebrate the Tagore Centenary; and

(*b*) the help expected from the Central Government for this purpose?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House.

(*b*) The Government of India have not promised any grant specifically for the celebration of the Tagore Centenary. They have, however, promised to render assistance towards the cost of construction of a theatre in the State capital to be erected in commemoration of the Centenary Celebration. The cost of the theatre has been estimated at about Rs. 15 lakhs and the Government of India have sanctioned a grant of Rs. 2·50 lakhs for the scheme.

Pay scales of teachers

*2015 *Q.*—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the pay scales of the S.S.L.C. Trained Teachers of the State in general and that of the Kanyakumari district in particular;

(*b*) if there is any difference in the scale of pay the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) whether any recommendation has been made by the Director of Public Instruction to the Government on this subject and if so, the details thereof?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) The scales of pay fixed for Secondary Grade teachers in schools in this State is Rs. 45—3—60—2—90 before 1st June 1960 and Rs. 90—4—110—3—140 from 1st June 1960. In the case of such teachers in the Kanyakumari district the scales referred to above will be granted to teachers if they had put in a service of ten years on 1st November 1956 or from the date on which they complete ten years of service. Otherwise they will be eligible to draw the pay admissible to higher elementary grade teachers or the pay drawn by them in the old Travancore-Cochin State scale.

(*b*) The period of training undergone by the Secondary Grade teachers in the old Travancore-Cochin State was only one year as against two years in the Madras State. In view of this, it was decided that ten years service should be insisted upon before they are put on the Madras Scales. This decision had the concurrence of representatives from the Kanyakumari district and the Partition Committee.

(*c*) No recommendation have been made by the Director of Public Instruction in the matter.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 24[illegible] infra.